Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the member whether he considers transport by canal cheaper or costlier than road transport?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: Certainly transport by water is cheaper.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the member whether transport by the existence of this canal will not be cheaper than the road transport?

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. All these supplementary questions do not arise out of the questions and answers given. We have travelled far from the questions and answers given.

President: How?

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai: The question is whether the existence of the canals will make traffic cheaper.

President: It arises.

Mr. I. C. Chacko: Even now there is facility for water transport from Alleppey to Cochin.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know whether it is safer to travel through Vembanad lake?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: Except during heavy monsoon it will be safe.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know which is safer,—route by canal or by Vembanad lake?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: Route by canal is certainly safer but there are ever so many other difficulties.

Alleppey-Shertallai Canal.

122. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the total length of the formerly proposed Alleppey-Shertallai canal;

(*b*) the length of the canal actually cut out;

(*c*) the area of the land acquired by Government for the canal;

(*d*) the total amount paid as compensation for the acquired land;

(*e*) whether Government proposes to complete the canal;

(*f*) the estimated cost for completing the canal at pre-war rates;

(*g*) the estimated cost at the present rates; and

(*h*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative whether the acquired lands would be returned to the original owners if they are prepared to remit the cost received as compensation?

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Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) 13 miles 2320 ft.

(*b*) 5 miles 3083 ft.

(*c*) 230 acres, 54 cents and 98 sq. links.

(*d*) Rs. 3,38,338-26-3.

(*e*) No. The member is referred to the answer given to question No. 121 (*c*).

(*f*) Rs. 4,14,500.

(*g*) About 12 lakhs of rupees.

(*h*) This is a matter for further action.

Amount allotted for irrigation in 1119.

123. ***Mr. A. N. Satyanesan** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount allotted for irrigation in 1119; and

(*b*) the amount spent in 1119?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) Rs. 5,23,941.

(*b*) The amount spent can be furnished only after closing the supplemental accounts.

Foot bridge on the Karumady-Thakazhy road.

124. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any foot bridge on the Karumady, Thakazhy road has given way and regular travel by the pedestrians such as school-going population has become difficult;

(*b*) how long is it that such a state has been continuing; and

(*c*) whether they received any report regarding it at any time; if so, when and what action has been taken on it?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) to (*c*) Repairs to the damages caused to the foot bridge towards the end of Kanni 1119 were completed by the end of Karkadagom 1119.

Bridge at Thevally.

125. ***Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai** (*Quilon* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any representations were made to Government for the construction of a bridge at Thevally in Quilon town across Ashtamudy lake?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: Yes.

Chakkalain Mukku in Thalavady.

126. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chackalain Mukku in Thalavady is cut open;

(*b*) whether the work was started at any time;

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